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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB SUMMER SEASON CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the summer season for the commercial Dungeness crab fishery in Registration Area A (Southeast) will close in all areas by regulation at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 consistent with 5 AAC 32.110. The fishery will reopen for the fall/winter season at 12:00 noon on Monday, October 1, 2012.

All Dungeness crab pots must be removed from the water except that pots may be stored on the grounds with all pot doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed for no more than seven days [5 AAC 32.052(b)(1)(A)]. **Reporting of lost pots, or pots left in a closed area in fishing condition should be directed to Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) offices in Juneau or Ketchikan** (contact numbers are listed below).

All Dungeness crab must be landed within 24 hours of a closure [5 AAC 32.031(d)]. Vessel operators unable to meet this deadline must contact department shellfish staff within the 24 hours following the closure for authorization to possess Dungeness crab for a longer period of time. Additionally, gear storage extensions due to extreme weather or a major vessel breakdown may be obtained by contacting department shellfish staff [5AAC 32.052(c)].

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